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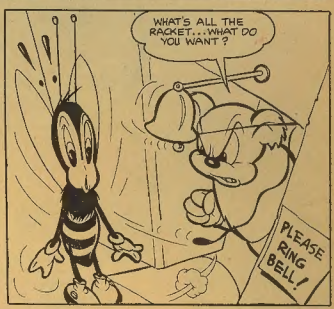

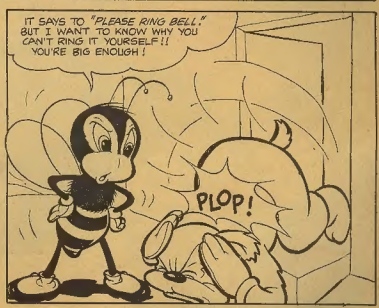

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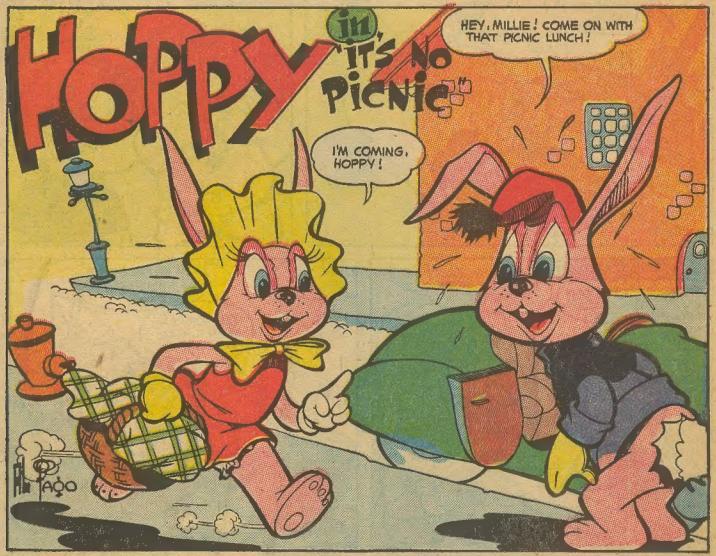
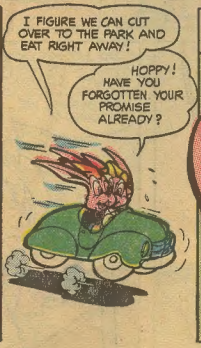
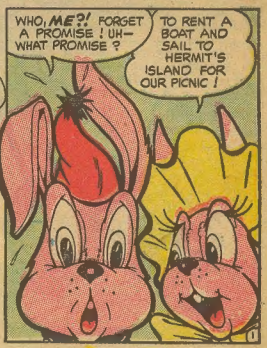
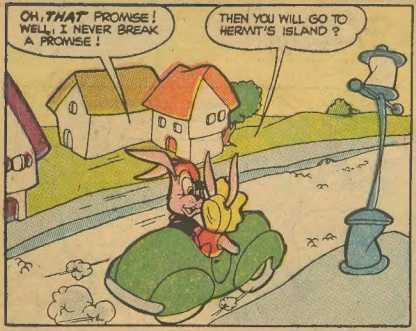
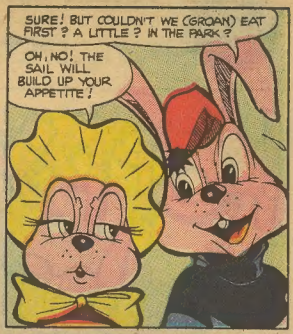


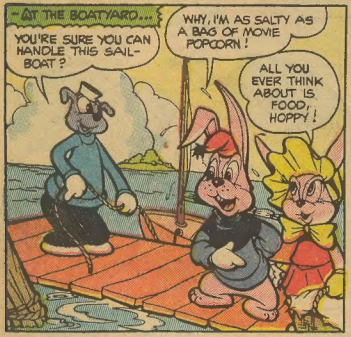
UMMMM BOY! FRIED CHICKEN, STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE, SODA POP, PICKLES -- AND DOES IT SMELL GOOD!
I DON'T THINK I FORGOT A THING YOU LIKE!





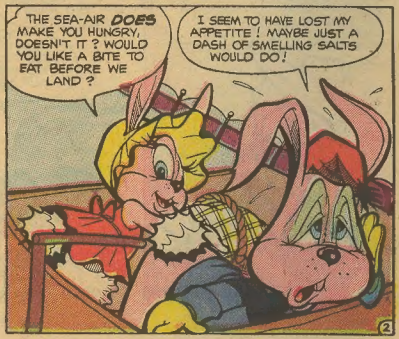

OH, THAT PROMISE! WELL, I NEVER BREAK A PROMISE!
THEN YOU WILL GO TO HERMIT'S ISLAND?

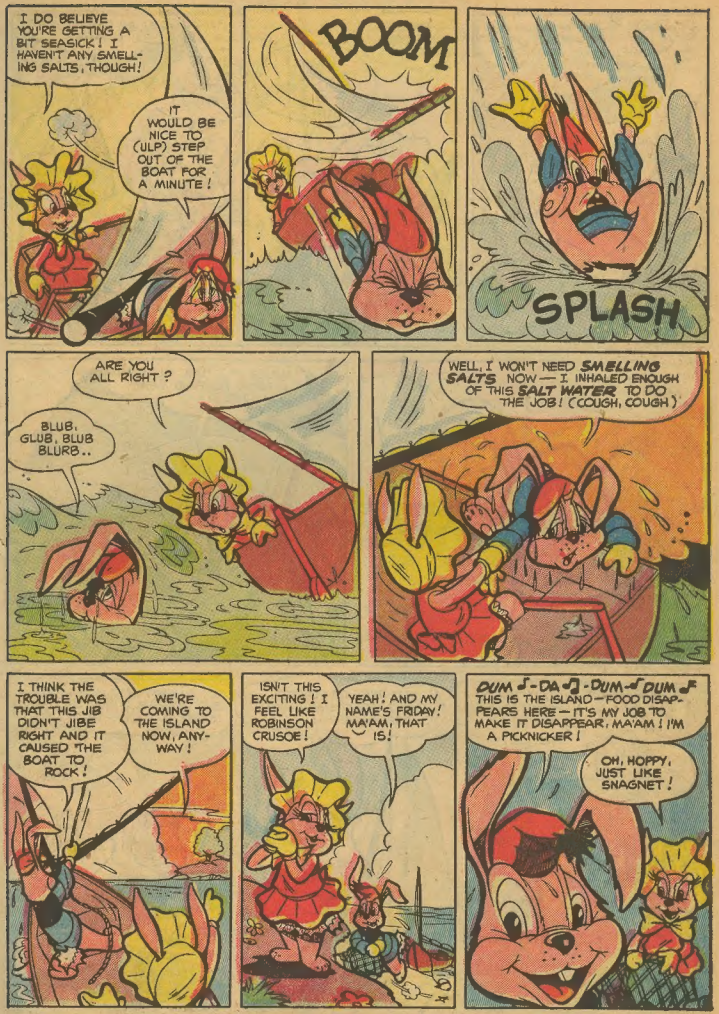

SURE! BUT COULDN'T WE (GROAN) EAT FIRST? A LITTLE? IN THE PARK?
OH, NO! THE SAIL WILL BUILD UP YOUR APPETITE!

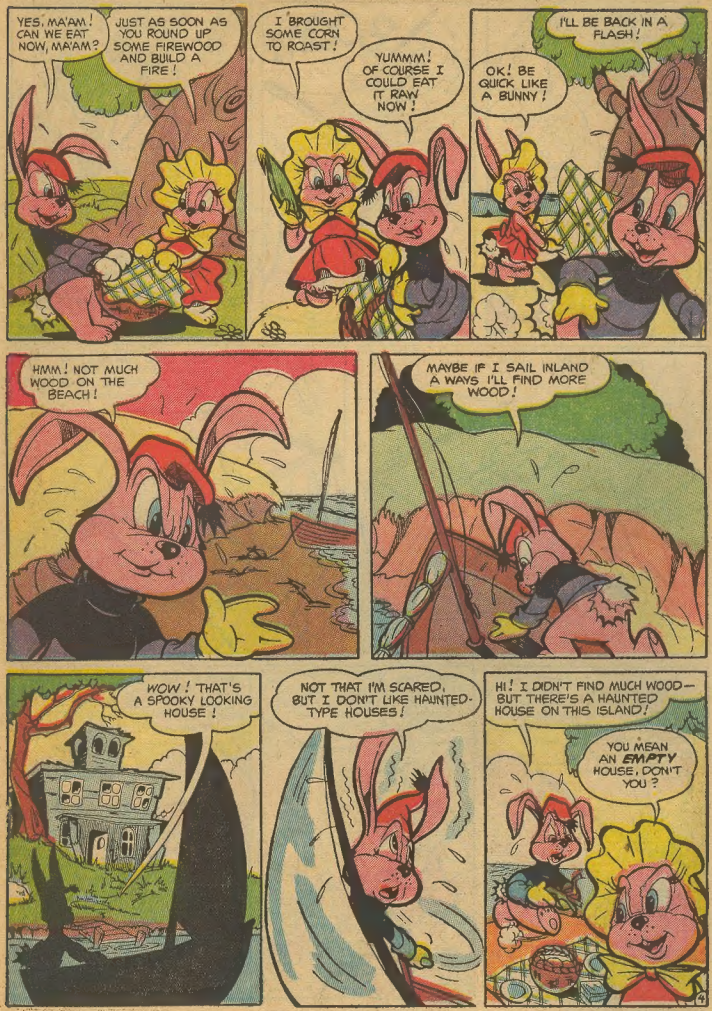

-AT THE BOATYARD...
YOU'RE SURE YOU CAN HANDLE THIS SAIL-BOAT?
WHY, I'M AS SALTY AS A BAG OF MOVIE POPCORN!
ALL YOU EVER THINK ABOUT IS FOOD, HOPPY!

GOOD SAILING!
AHOY BELOW DECKS! RAISE THE MIZZENMAST! BELAY!
OH, HOPPY! AREN'T YOU WONDERFUL!

SUCH A FINE DAY! ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL AND PEACEFUL HERE?
UH-ULP-UH-YEAH! URP! HEH, HEH!


THE SEA-AIR DOES MAKE YOU HUNGRY, DOESN'T IT? WOULD YOU LIKE A BITE TO EAT BEFORE WE LAND?
I SEEM TO HAVE LOST MY APPETITE! MAYBE JUST A DASH OF SMELLING SALTS WOULD DO!


I DO BELIEVE YOU'RE GETTING A BIT SEASICK! I HAVEN'T ANY SMELLING SALTS, THOUGH!
IT WOULD BE NICE TO (ULP) STEP OUT OF THE BOAT FOR A MINUTE!
BOOM
SPLASH
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
BLUB, GLUB, BLUB BLURB..
WELL, I WON'T NEED SMELLING SALTS NOW — I INHALED ENOUGH OF THIS SALT WATER TO DO THE JOB! (COUGH, COUGH)
I THINK THE TROUBLE WAS THAT THIS JIB DIDN'T JIBE RIGHT AND IT CAUSED THE BOAT TO ROCK!
WE'RE COMING TO THE ISLAND NOW, ANYWAY!
ISN'T THIS EXCITING! I FEEL LIKE ROBINSON CRUSOE!
YEAH! AND MY NAME'S FRIDAY! MA'AM, THAT IS!
DUM-DA-DUM-DUM THIS IS THE ISLAND — FOOD DISAPPEARS HERE — IT'S MY JOB TO MAKE IT DISAPPEAR, MA'AM! I'M A PICKNICKER!
OH, HOPPY, JUST LIKE SNAGNET!


YES, MA'AM! CAN WE EAT NOW, MA'AM?
JUST AS SOON AS YOU ROUND UP SOME FIREWOOD AND BUILD A FIRE!
I BROUGHT SOME CORN TO ROAST!
YUMMM! OF COURSE I COULD EAT IT RAW NOW!
I'LL BE BACK IN A FLASH!
OK! BE QUICK LIKE A BUNNY!
HMM! NOT MUCH WOOD ON THE BEACH!
MAYBE IF I SAIL INLAND A WAYS I'LL FIND MORE WOOD!
WOW! THAT'S A SPOOKY LOOKING HOUSE!
NOT THAT I'M SCARED, BUT I DON'T LIKE HAUNTED-TYPE HOUSES!
HI! I DIDN'T FIND MUCH WOOD— BUT THERE'S A HAUNTED HOUSE ON THIS ISLAND!
YOU MEAN AN EMPTY HOUSE, DON'T YOU?

I S'POSE IT WAS EMPTY — IF YOU DON'T COUNT THE SPOOKS!
HOPPY! THERE'S WHERE YOU COULD'VE GOTTEN MORE WOOD!
THERE ARE PROBABLY LOTS OF OLD BOARDS AROUND THERE FOR A FIRE! I'LL GO WITH YOU IF YOU'RE SCARED!
WHO ME, SCARED? LET'S GO!
Y'KNOW, RAW CORN DON'T TASTE SO BAD SOMETIMES!
WE ARE GOING TO GET FIREWOOD!
- AND AT THE HOUSE..
SEE? LOOKS CREEPY, DOESN'T IT?
HMMMF! FOLLOW ME!
MAYBE I'D BETTER GO FIRST! BE CAREFUL!
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT!
I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE I'M GOING- EEEEK!
HALP!
OH, HOPPY! WHERE ARE WE?
G-GOSH, I THOUGHT YOU KNEW!! LOOKS LIKE A TUNNEL NETWORK!

I FIGURE IF WE FOLLOW THIS TUNNEL WE'LL COME OUT OK! THERE'S A LIGHT!
SHHHH! DO YOU HEAR THOSE VOICES?
I AIN'T WEARIN' DAMES' CLOTHES FOR NOBODY!
AW, SLUG, JUST THIS ONCE! DEN WE CAN SMUGGLE DESE GEMS OVER DA BORDER IN DA CANOE!
WE COULDN'T HIRE A COUPLE TO CROSS DA LAKE LIKE USUAL AND THE BOSS WANTS THE STUFF TODAY!
YEAH, MAC, BUT WHY DO I HAVE TO BE THE DAME?
WE NEED A DAME SO IT'LL LOOK OK TO THE COPS WHEN WE ROW PAST THEIR LOOKOUT BOAT! THEY'D NEVER SUSPECT A COUPLE OUT ON A PICNIC!
I GUESS SO, BUT I DON'T SEE WHY I GOTTA BE THE DAME — HOW ABOUT YOU?
ME! OH, NO, YOU DON'T!
HEY, THESE MEN ARE CROOKS!
I'M GOING TO SNEEZE! AH-AH-
CHOOOO!!
IT'S A GOIL!
AND A GUY! LET'S GET 'EM!
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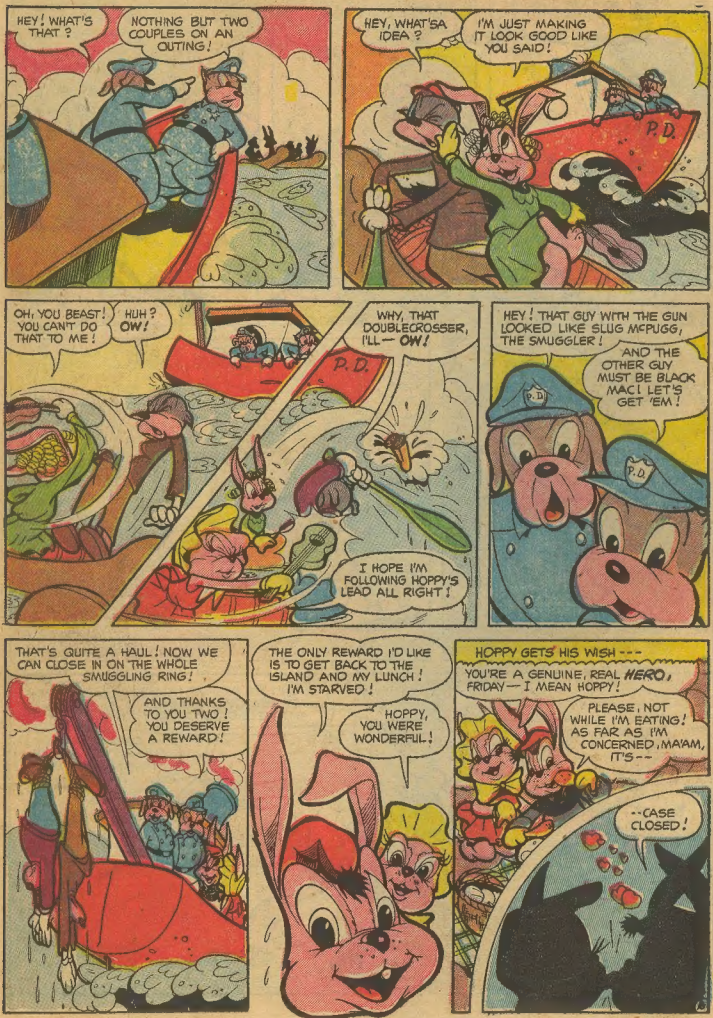
WHO ARE YOU ?!
MY NAME'S FRIDAY, I MEAN HOPPY !
THIS GUY MUST BE A COP!
LET'S TIE 'EM UP AN' BUMP 'EM OFF!
WAIT! WE GOT ENOUGH LOOT TO FILL TWO CANOES! LET'S USE 'EM AS DECOYS!
YEAH!
WE'LL DRESS THIS GUY UP AS A GOIL AND PADDLE ACROSS THE LAKE AS TWO COUPLES ON A PICNIC!
THE COPS'LL NEVER TAG US!
YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH THIS!
SHADDUP! ONE PEEP OUTTA YOU AND YER FINISHED!
WE'LL UNTIE YOU TO MAKE IT LOOK GOOD WHEN WE PASS THE POLICE BOAT!
OH, DEAR!
HOPPY, I'M AFRAID!
DON'T BE SCARED, MILLIE! JUST FOLLOW MY LEAD, AND WE'LL COME OUT OK!
WE'RE COMING TO THE POLICE BOAT! MAKE IT LOOK GOOD, YOU TWO!


HEY! WHAT'S THAT ?
NOTHING BUT TWO COUPLES ON AN OUTING!
HEY, WHAT'SA IDEA ?
I'M JUST MAKING IT LOOK GOOD LIKE YOU SAID!
P.D.
OH, YOU BEAST! YOU CAN'T DO THAT TO ME!
HUH ?
OW!
WHY, THAT DOUBLECROSSER, I'LL— OW!
P.D.
I HOPE I'M FOLLOWING HOPPY'S LEAD ALL RIGHT!
HEY! THAT GUY WITH THE GUN LOOKED LIKE SLUG McPUGG, THE SMUGGLER!
AND THE OTHER GUY MUST BE BLACK MAC! LET'S GET 'EM!
P.D.
P.D.
THAT'S QUITE A HAUL! NOW WE CAN CLOSE IN ON THE WHOLE SMUGGLING RING!
AND THANKS TO YOU TWO! YOU DESERVE A REWARD!
THE ONLY REWARD I'D LIKE IS TO GET BACK TO THE ISLAND AND MY LUNCH! I'M STARVED!
HOPPY, YOU WERE WONDERFUL!
HOPPY GETS HIS WISH ---
YOU'RE A GENUINE, REAL HERO, FRIDAY— I MEAN HOPPY!
PLEASE, NOT WHILE I'M EATING! AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, MA'AM, IT'S --
--CASE CLOSED!

ATOMIC MOUSE
HELLO, MR. BRIGGS! QUITE A LOAD OF FAN MAIL TODAY!
YOU BET, ATOMIC MOUSE! YOU'RE THE MOST POPULAR PERSON ON MY MAIL ROUTE — THIS MAIL PROVES YOU'RE REALLY A WELL-LIKED HERO!
U.S. MAIL
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BUT I COULDN'T HELP READING THIS POSTCARD FROM LITTLE HARRY RABBIT DOWN AT THE MOUSEVILLE ORPHANAGE! HE'S WONDERING WHY YOU DON'T HELP THEM OUT OF THEIR TROUBLE!
TROUBLE? I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS TROUBLE THERE! LET ME SEE THAT CARD!
U.S. MAIL
THIS IS AWFUL! COUNT GATTO IS GOING TO CLOSE UP THE ORPHANAGE BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T MONEY TO PAY OFF THE MORTGAGE! I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING FAST!
MORTGAGE! OH, YOU MEAN THE MONEY THEY OWE ON THE PLACE!
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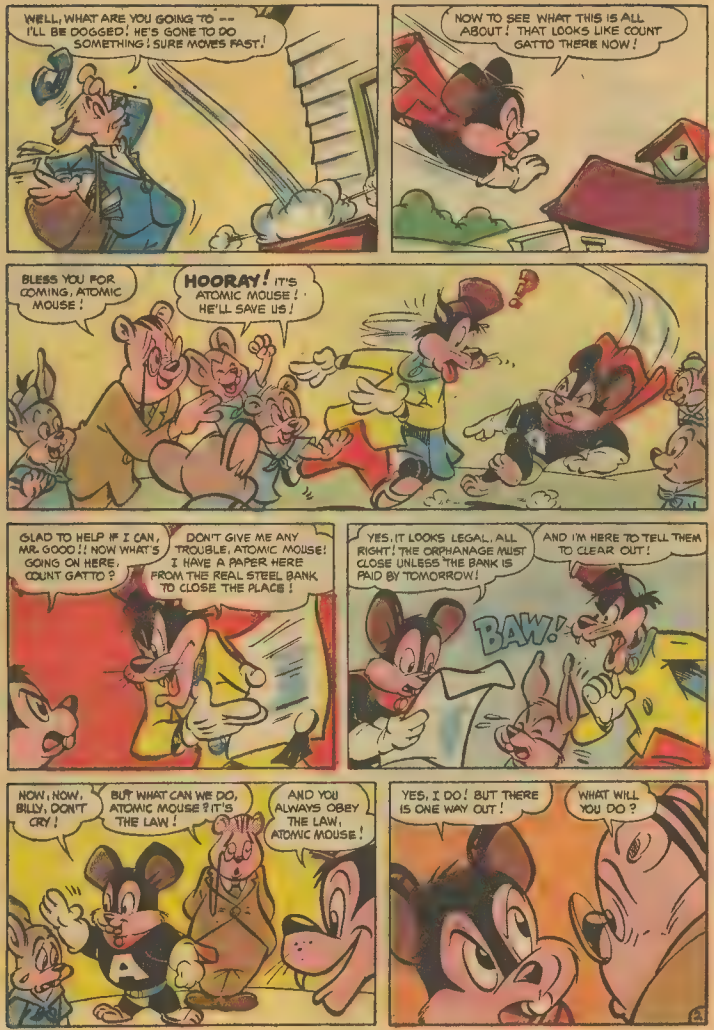
WELL, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO -- I'LL BE DOGGED! HE'S GONE TO DO SOMETHING! SURE MOVES FAST!
NOW TO SEE WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT! THAT LOOKS LIKE COUNT GATTO THERE NOW!
BLESS YOU FOR COMING, ATOMIC MOUSE!
HOORAY! IT'S ATOMIC MOUSE! HE'LL SAVE US!
?
GLAD TO HELP IF I CAN, MR. GOOD! NOW WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, COUNT GATTO?
DON'T GIVE ME ANY TROUBLE, ATOMIC MOUSE! I HAVE A PAPER HERE FROM THE REAL STEEL BANK TO CLOSE THE PLACE!
YES, IT LOOKS LEGAL, ALL RIGHT! THE ORPHANAGE MUST CLOSE UNLESS THE BANK IS PAID BY TOMORROW!
AND I'M HERE TO TELL THEM TO CLEAR OUT!
BAW!
NOW, NOW, BILLY, DON'T CRY!
BUT WHAT CAN WE DO, ATOMIC MOUSE? IT'S THE LAW!
AND YOU ALWAYS OBEY THE LAW, ATOMIC MOUSE!
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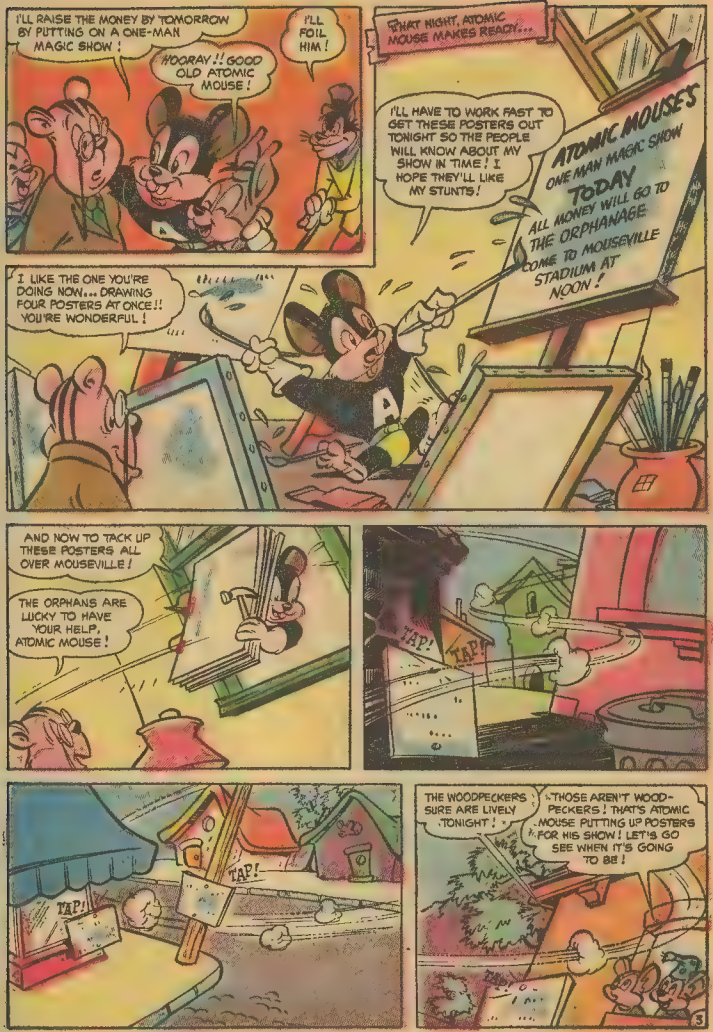
YES, I DO! BUT THERE IS ONE WAY OUT!
WHAT WILL YOU DO?


I'LL RAISE THE MONEY BY TOMORROW BY PUTTING ON A ONE-MAN MAGIC SHOW!
HOORAY!! GOOD OLD ATOMIC MOUSE!
I'LL FOIL HIM!
THAT NIGHT, ATOMIC MOUSE MAKES READY...
I'LL HAVE TO WORK FAST TO GET THESE POSTERS OUT TONIGHT SO THE PEOPLE WILL KNOW ABOUT MY SHOW IN TIME! I HOPE THEY'LL LIKE MY STUNTS!
ATOMIC MOUSE'S ONE MAN MAGIC SHOW TODAY ALL MONEY WILL GO TO THE ORPHANAGE COME TO MOUSEVILLE STADIUM AT NOON!
I LIKE THE ONE YOU'RE DOING NOW... DRAWING FOUR POSTERS AT ONCE!! YOU'RE WONDERFUL!
AND NOW TO TACK UP THESE POSTERS ALL OVER MOUSEVILLE!
THE ORPHANS ARE LUCKY TO HAVE YOUR HELP, ATOMIC MOUSE!
TAP!
TAP!
TAP!
TAP!
THE WOODPECKERS SURE ARE LIVELY TONIGHT!
THOSE AREN'T WOODPECKERS! THAT'S ATOMIC MOUSE PUTTING UP POSTERS FOR HIS SHOW! LET'S GO SEE WHEN IT'S GOING TO BE!
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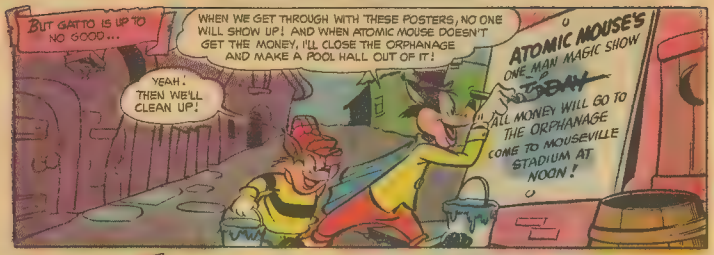
BUT GATTO IS UP TO NO GOOD...
WHEN WE GET THROUGH WITH THESE POSTERS, NO ONE WILL SHOW UP! AND WHEN ATOMIC MOUSE DOESN'T GET THE MONEY, I'LL CLOSE THE ORPHANAGE AND MAKE A POOL HALL OUT OF IT!
YEAH! THEN WE'LL CLEAN UP!
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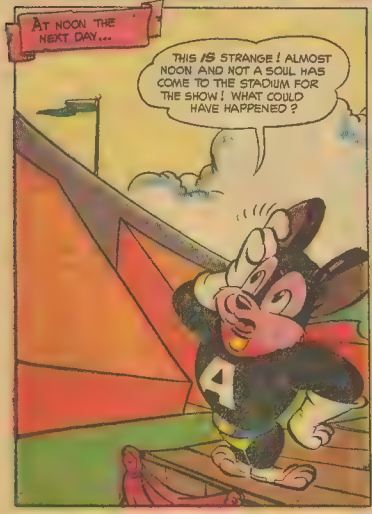
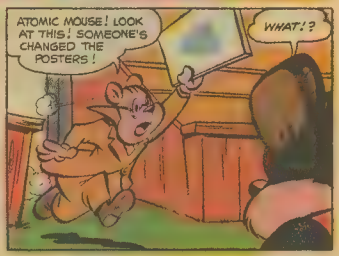
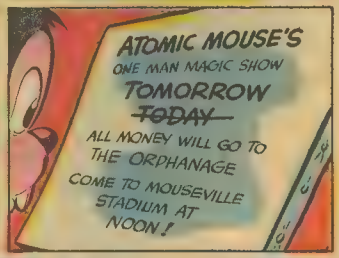
COME TO MOUSEVILLE STADIUM AT NOON!


AT NOON THE NEXT DAY...
THIS IS STRANGE! ALMOST NOON AND NOT A SOUL HAS COME TO THE STADIUM FOR THE SHOW! WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED?


ATOMIC MOUSE! LOOK AT THIS! SOMEONE'S CHANGED THE POSTERS!
WHAT!?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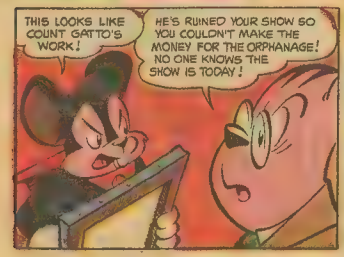
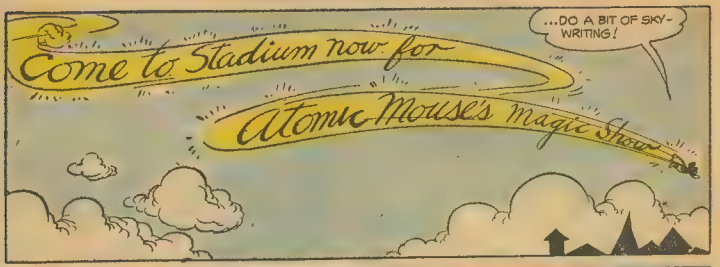
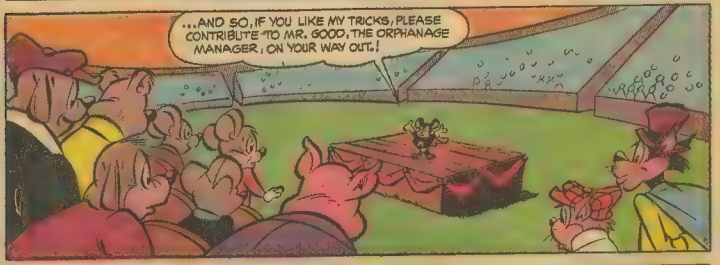
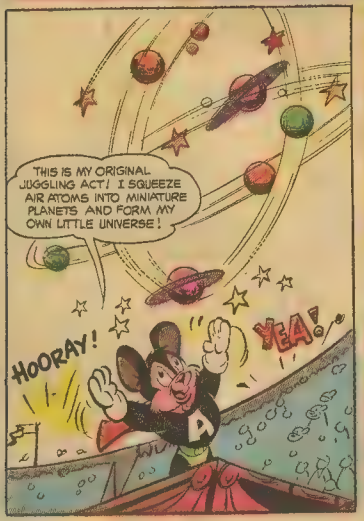
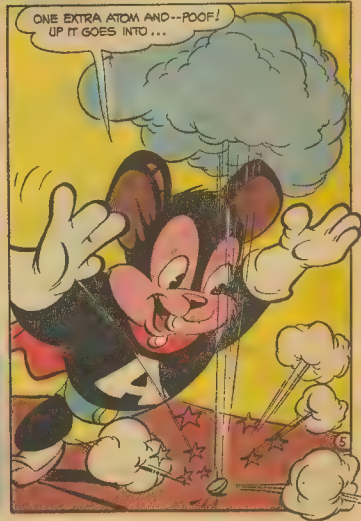

THIS LOOKS LIKE COUNT GATTO'S WORK!
HE'S RUINED YOUR SHOW SO YOU COULDN'T MAKE THE MONEY FOR THE ORPHANAGE! NO ONE KNOWS THE SHOW IS TODAY!

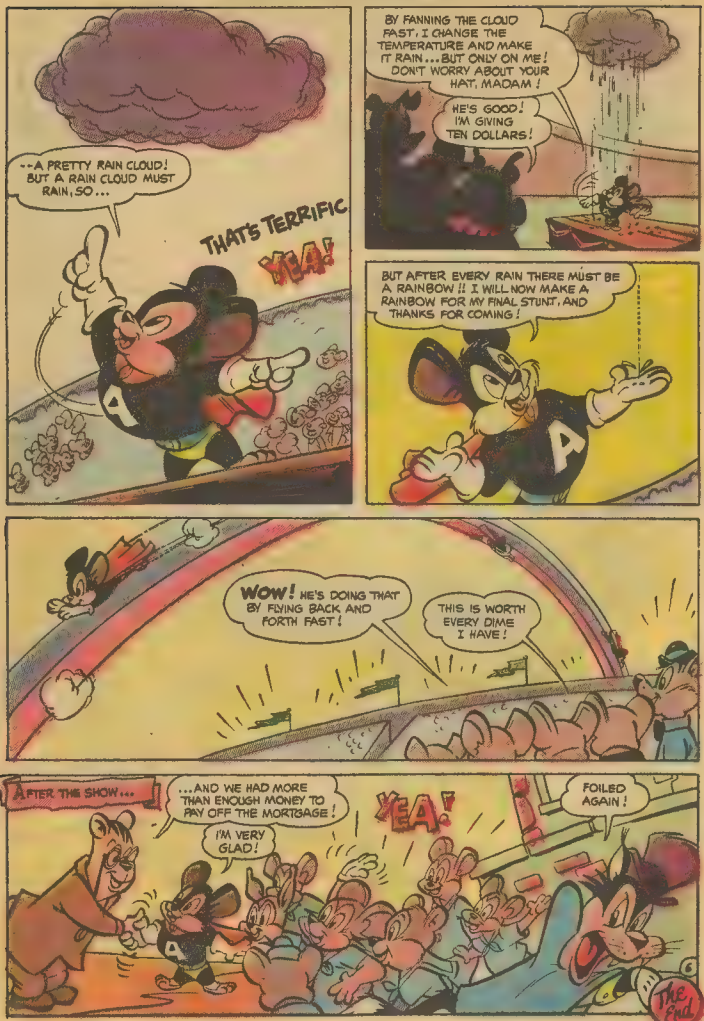
WELL, I HAVE A FEW IDEAS MYSELF! I'LL PUT ON THIS GLOWING COAT AND...


Come to Stadium now for
Atomic Mouse's Magic Show
...DO A BIT OF SKY-WRITING!


...AND SO, IF YOU LIKE MY TRICKS, PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MR. GOOD, THE ORPHANAGE MANAGER, ON YOUR WAY OUT!


THIS IS MY ORIGINAL JUGGLING ACT! I SQUEEZE AIR ATOMS INTO MINIATURE PLANETS AND FORM MY OWN LITTLE UNIVERSE!
HOORAY!
YEA!


ONE EXTRA ATOM AND--POOF! UP IT GOES INTO...


--A PRETTY RAIN CLOUD! BUT A RAIN CLOUD MUST RAIN, SO...
THAT'S TERRIFIC
YEA!
BY FANNING THE CLOUD FAST, I CHANGE THE TEMPERATURE AND MAKE IT RAIN... BUT ONLY ON ME! DON'T WORRY ABOUT YOUR HAT, MADAM!
HE'S GOOD! I'M GIVING TEN DOLLARS!
BUT AFTER EVERY RAIN THERE MUST BE A RAINBOW!! I WILL NOW MAKE A RAINBOW FOR MY FINAL STUNT, AND THANKS FOR COMING!
WOW! HE'S DOING THAT BY FLYING BACK AND FORTH FAST!
THIS IS WORTH EVERY DIME I HAVE!
AFTER THE SHOW...
...AND WE HAD MORE THAN ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY OFF THE MORTGAGE!
I'M VERY GLAD!
YEA!
FOILED AGAIN!
THE End

NOAH'S LARK

It was June 10th in Happy Forest, and the noise of the hurrying citizens could be heard clear over in Rock Canyon. Everyone was, of course, making ready for the annual Happy Forest Children's Picnic. No one ever missed that picnic — at least none of the Happy Forest kids did.

Mother Beaver was busy baking all the pies that would be eaten, while Mother Rabbit was preparing dozens and dozens of hard-boiled eggs. From the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Chipmunk and the Bears and the Squirrel family, other delicious cooking smells came. Every year on Happy Forest Picnic Day, all the Forest mothers joined hands in cooking — one family cooked the weiners, while another took charge of making all the pickles. That way labor was divided up equally among the Forest mothers; then the food was pooled together for all to eat.

The fathers of Happy Forest didn't have it easy either, since they had the job of getting the children ready to go. Cleaning ears and faces took time — and resulted in some of the noises heard coming from Happy Forest when the little animals objected to the soapy cloths.

But as you can see, this was no ordinary picnic day — it was a day when all would board Uncle Noah's ferryboat for a special trip to Noah's Island. It meant a day of swimming and playing on a beautiful, forested island, and a boat trip two ways. Not a child in Happy Forest was sick this day! Everyone was ready to go by ten o'clock in the morning, and the food was ready too. Uncle Noah had the steam up in his ferryboat and was taking a few practice toots on his steam whistle.

Mother Rabbit's house was the scene of the gathering; from here the picnic would get underway, with Father Rabbit leading all the little forest animals to Uncle Noah's ferryboat.

And then it happened! Thunder was heard! And the sky began clouding up in a dark way which assured rain! Rain on Happy Forest Picnic Day! But it didn't matter to the little animals at all! They were just saying to each other while gathered outside the Rabbit House . . . but let's listen!

"Gee whiz!" said Billy Beaver, "I've been waiting for this picnic all year, and now it looks like it's going to go and rain and spoil everything!"

"My father will get us there, you'll see!" said little Peter Rabbit proudly.

"We'll go, rain or no rain!" chorused the dozens of little animals gathered outside the Rabbit home.

But inside the Rabbit home, different ideas were rising. Mrs. Rabbit had just finished answering the telephone for the 11th time, when it rang again. She picked up the receiver and said:

"Hello? Oh, it's you, Mrs. Beaver! What? If it rains, don't let little Billy go on the picnic? Well, all right, Mrs. Beaver, I'll tell Mr. Rabbit about it! All the Forest mothers have been calling me this morning, ever since the thunder began!"

Mr. Rabbit sat glumly at the kitchen table, listening to his wife on the telephone. It would be his job to tell the children the picnic would be off. Looking out the window, he saw the first drops of grey rain coming down. Yes, there was no doubt about it now, it would rain before they could get to Uncle Noah's ferryboat. Oh, gloom! How could he tell them!

Mrs. Rabbit confirmed his worst thoughts when she hung up the telephone once again.

"It looks like none of the mothers think their children should go on the picnic now that it's begun to rain," she said sadly. "And they were counting on it so much!"

"I think I feel worse than they do!" said Mr. Rabbit. "I have to tell them they can't go!"

Mr. Rabbit braced himself for what he had to do and started for the shed, where all the little animals had gathered.

"Hello, children!" Mr. Rabbit greeted the animals as he entered the roomy woodshed, "I have something to tell you! Uh -"

"Is it a story? Are you going to tell us a story before we go on the picnic?" asked Monk Mink.

"That's a swell idea!" seconded Chester Chipmunk. "We can start the day with a good old story from Mr. Rabbit before we go on the picnic! No old rain can stop us, huh, gang!"

"No," they all shouted, "who cares about the rain!"

Well, you can see that Mr. Rabbit had a problem on his hands. How to tell the little animals that the big picnic was called off after all their plans! Mr. Rabbit looked at all the eager little faces staring up at him expectantly, and then he decided on a plan. He wouldn't

tell them they couldn't go on the picnic! But wait and see, dear reader; Mr. Rabbit, as you know, is a very smart rabbit, and not hare-brained, like some.

"All right," he said, "I will tell you a story! And it's a story that took place on this same day many, many years ago, before any of you were born! It was a day for the annual picnic, and at that time Grandpa Noah owned not only a huge ferryboat, but a park to boot. He called his park Noah's Park, naturally enough, and he had a huge banner over his ferryboat which read "NOAH'S pARK."

"Well, kids," Mr. Rabbit went on, as the little animals listened with quiet but full interest, "from a distance, that sign only showed the capital letters, so that is said NOAH'S ARK. It was really something, was that big boat; it had a big broad deck, and on the deck old Grandpa Noah had built what looked like a house, so that when it rained all the animals could keep dry while on his boat.

"Came the day of the picnic, and it was my old Uncle Fudley's job to get the kids to the boat, just like it's my job to escort you kids today. And you know somethin?"

"What!" screeched little Oscar Owl, and all the other animals laughed at his huge curiosity — he was so curious he fell off his perch when he yelled.

Mr. Rabbit went on. "It was the same kind of a day then! It began to rain! And the rain didn't seem bad enough to spoil a picnic, at least as far as the little animals were concerned! The parents didn't want the little animals to go, but the kids insisted, so old Uncle Fudley got them all down to the boat. There was little Mary and Bill Beaver, and Chuck and Martha Hedgehog, and even I was there with Mrs. Rabbit — of course we were just kids in those days!"

"Gee!" geed little Billy Beaver, "those are my folks he's talking about!"

"And mine!" said Hector Hedgehog.

"Yes," said Mr. Rabbit, "there were two of every animal in Happy Forest on Noah's boat, and many of them were your folks!

"Well, we started out in a mild drizzle, but we didn't mind because we were all warm and snug in the cabin on the deck of the boat. Then the rain came up hard! Oh, my, but did it rain! We were headed for Noah's Island, but it was raining so hard Grandpa Noah just couldn't see to steer his boat! Time passed, and it became afternoon, so we ate our lunches.

"A few wise ones, mainly old Oscar Owl, who was a youngster then, and Freddy Fox, saved part of their lunches for later. And that was a smart move!"

"Why?" asked little Peter Rabbit.

"Because it rained and rained for four days and four nights, that's why! We were lost in that rain for all that time, and all we had to eat was scraps from our lunches! I can tell you we got mighty hungry!" said Mr. Rabbit.

"Wow!" exclaimed Tommy Turtle. "That makes me hungry thinking about it!" He broke out a hard-boiled egg from his basket and started nibbling at it. "But what happened then!" he asked.

"I was wishing we'd never started!" said Mr. Rabbit. "On the third day we finally spotted Noah's Island through the mist, but by that time none of us were feeling like having a picnic. I remember the words of old Grandpa Noah exactly!

" 'This is no picnic!' he said. And he was right! We decided to forget that picnic party, I can tell you! And if we'd used common sense and postponed the picnic in the beginning we'd never have had that trouble. We were mighty glad to get back to our dry warm homes in Happy Forest! Mighty happy, indeed!"

Just as Mr. Rabbit was finishing his story, he noticed that Mrs. Rabbit was standing in the doorway. She had heard the story, and she called him over to her. The little animals were all very quiet, thinking about Mr. Rabbit's story, as he went to talk to Mrs. Rabbit.

"You didn't tell them they couldn't go on the picnic, did you?" she asked kindly. She knew he had a soft heart and hated to tell people things that would hurt their feelings in any way.

"No," Mr. Rabbit said, "but just watch what happens!"

And then he asked, "Well, kiddies, who's ready to go on the annual picnic! I guess we can make it through this rain now!"

Silence greeted him. Then little Bunty Rabbit spoke up. "Not me, Pop!" he shouted, "I'm going to have my picnic lunch right here!"

"Me, too!" echoed Billy Beaver. "You're not going to see me get caught in any old rain! I'm smarter than that!"

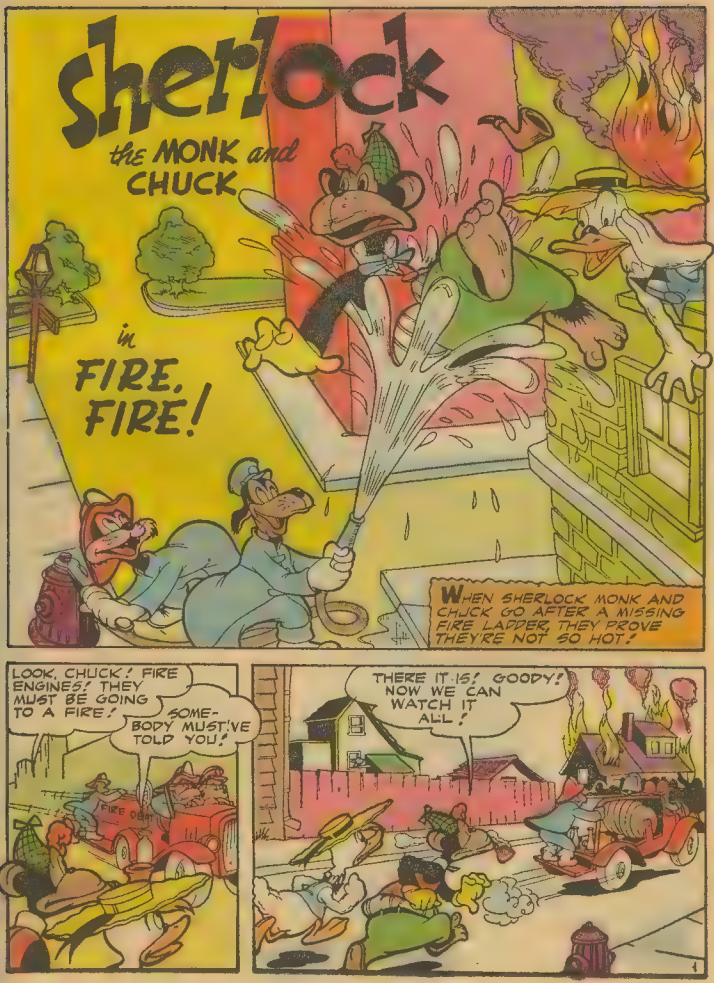
"Us, too!" chorused all the little animals, and they opened up their lunches happily.

As Mr. and Mrs. Rabbit walked back to their house, under an umbrella, that is, they heard the happy noises of children at games and at eating. It looked like it was going to be a happy picnic day after all, and the children and the parents would both be happy.

"You never told me you had an Uncle Fudley," said Mrs. Rabbit, curiously.

"I don't!" said Mr. Rabbit, and with a twinkle in his eye, he added, "but I haven't the heart to tell them that either!"

The End


Sherlock
the MONK and CHUCK
in
FIRE, FIRE!
WHEN SHERLOCK MONK AND CHUCK GO AFTER A MISSING FIRE LADDER, THEY PROVE THEY'RE NOT SO HOT!
LOOK, CHUCK! FIRE ENGINES! THEY MUST BE GOING TO A FIRE!
SOMEBODY MUST'VE TOLD YOU!
FIRE DEPT.
THERE IT IS! GOODY! NOW WE CAN WATCH IT ALL!

QUICK, BOYS! GET THE HOSE READY!
THE WATER DOESN'T REACH THE TOP FLOOR, CHIEF!
WELL DON'T STAND THERE, GET THE LADDER!
THE LADDER'S GONE!
WHAT! THAT'S THE THIRD LADDER THAT'S DISAPPEARED THIS WEEK! NOW WE CAN'T PUT OUT THE FIRE!
LADDER TRUCK
BUT THE HEAVENS COME TO THE RESCUE --
WHAT A BREAK! THE RAIN IS PUTTING OUT THE FIRE!
I WONDER WHO'S BEEN STEALING OUR LADDERS?
I HEARD YOU SAY YOUR LADDERS HAVE BEEN STOLEN!
THAT'S RIGHT! EVERY TIME WE GET A NEW ONE, IT DISAPPEARS DURING THE NIGHT!
THIS INTERESTS THE GREAT SHERLOCK! I'LL RIDE BACK WITH YOU AND SEE WHAT I CAN FIND OUT!
FINE! HOP ON! WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE FIRE HOUSE NOW!
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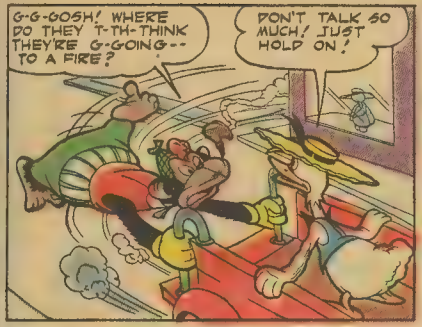
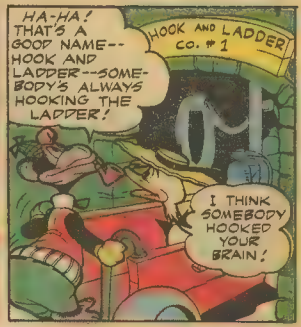
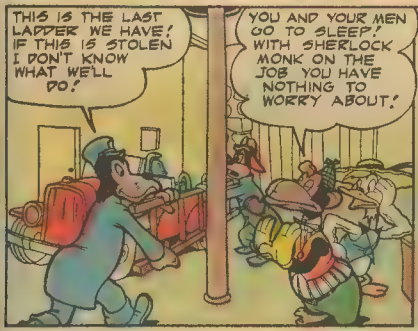
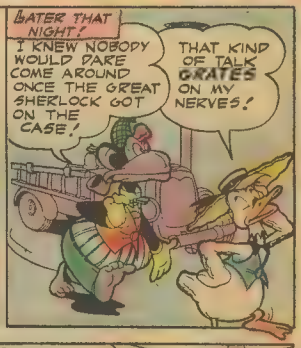
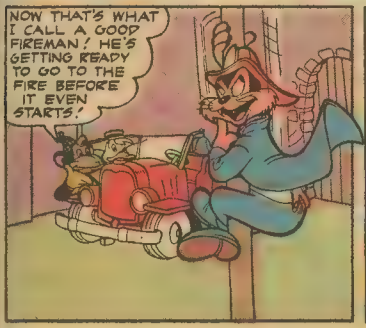
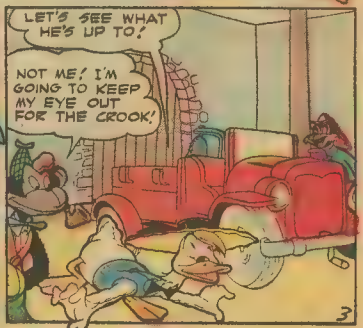

G-G-GOSH! WHERE DO THEY T-TH-THINK THEY'RE G-GOING-- TO A FIRE?
DON'T TALK SO MUCH! JUST HOLD ON!

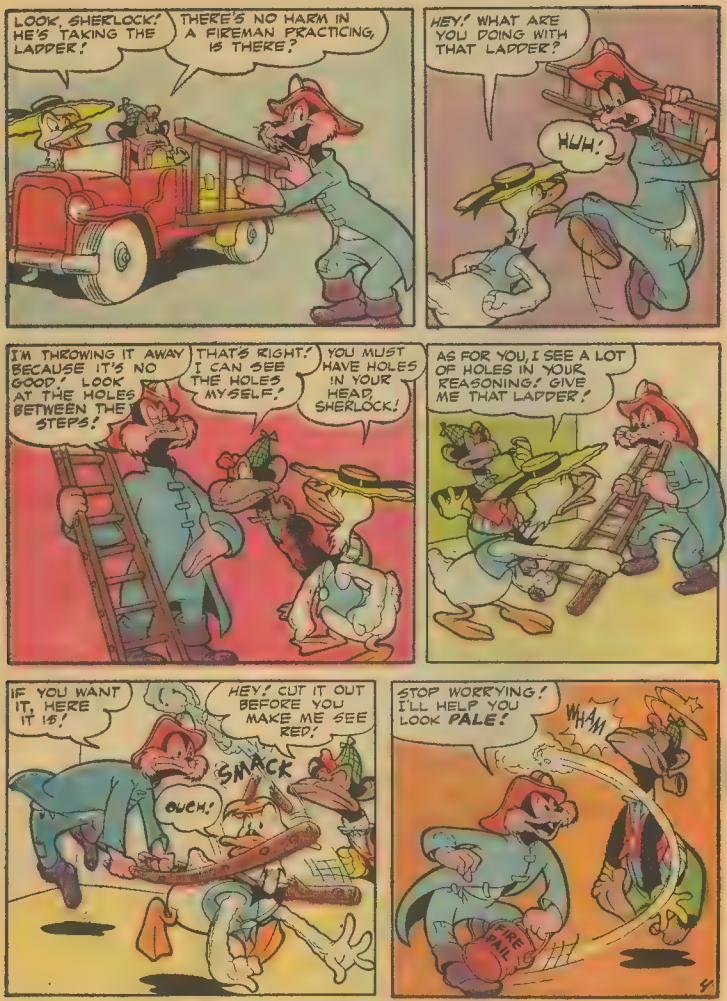

HA-HA! THAT'S A GOOD NAME-- HOOK AND LADDER--SOMEBODY'S ALWAYS HOOKING THE LADDER!
HOOK AND LADDER CO. # 1
I THINK SOMEBODY HOOKED YOUR BRAIN!


THIS IS THE LAST LADDER WE HAVE! IF THIS IS STOLEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'LL DO!
YOU AND YOUR MEN GO TO SLEEP! WITH SHERLOCK MONK ON THE JOB YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!


LATER THAT NIGHT!
I KNEW NOBODY WOULD DARE COME AROUND ONCE THE GREAT SHERLOCK GOT ON THE CASE!
THAT KIND OF TALK GRATES ON MY NERVES!


NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL A GOOD FIREMAN! HE'S GETTING READY TO GO TO THE FIRE BEFORE IT EVEN STARTS!


LET'S SEE WHAT HE'S UP TO!
NOT ME! I'M GOING TO KEEP MY EYE OUT FOR THE CROOK!


LOOK, SHERLOCK! HE'S TAKING THE LADDER!
THERE'S NO HARM IN A FIREMAN PRACTICING, IS THERE?
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT LADDER?
HUH?
I'M THROWING IT AWAY BECAUSE IT'S NO GOOD! LOOK AT THE HOLES BETWEEN THE STEPS!
THAT'S RIGHT! I CAN SEE THE HOLES MYSELF!
YOU MUST HAVE HOLES IN YOUR HEAD, SHERLOCK!
AS FOR YOU, I SEE A LOT OF HOLES IN YOUR REASONING! GIVE ME THAT LADDER!
IF YOU WANT IT, HERE IT IS!
HEY! CUT IT OUT BEFORE YOU MAKE ME SEE RED!
SMACK
OUCH!
STOP WORRYING! I'LL HELP YOU LOOK PALE!
WHAM
FIRE FAIL

I'LL MAKE YOU SORRY YOU HIT ME WITH THAT PAIL!
AW, NETS TO YOU!
HERE'S A BOOTIN' FOR BUTTIN' IN!
BOP
SAND
UH, HUH! LOOK WHAT HE'S REACHING FOR! THIS IS NO TIME TO AXE ANY QUESTIONS!
SAND
CLUNK
SWISH!
WHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE!
HELP! I'M BLIND! I CAN'T SEE!
I'M JUST A SANDMAN WHO'S TRYING TO PUT YOU TO SLEEP!
SAND
HERE'S MUD IN YOUR EYE, YOU DIRTY SNEAK!
SPLASH

SPLASH
YOU'RE ALL WASHED UP SHERLOCK!
I'M BLINDED! WHERE AM I?
HERE'S SOMETHING I CAN HOLD ON TO!
NOW I CAN GET OUT OF HERE WITH THE LADDER!
WHEE! JUST LIKE ON A SLIDING POND!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT-- SHERLOCK'S CAUGHT THE CROOK!
WHAT HIT ME?
PLOP!
PLEASE DON'T SEND ME TO JAIL! I WAS ONLY TRYING TO CLIMB THE LADDER OF SUCCESS!
WELL, NEXT TIME DO IT RUNG BY RUNG, NOT WRONG BY WRONG!

LEON the LYIN' LION

AH! EBBTIDE! DOWN TO THE SEA IN SHIPS, AND ALL THAT — THIS TAKES ME BACK, MATEY!

WERE YOU A SAILOR, LEON?

"YOUTH SAID IT, K.I.D."

WAS *I* A SAILOR? EVER HEAR OF PONCE DE LEON?

THE GREAT EXPLORER? SURE! DON'T TELL ME HE WAS RELATED TO *YOU!*

RELATED TO ME! MAN OH MAN, HAVE I GOT A SURPRISE FOR *YOU!*

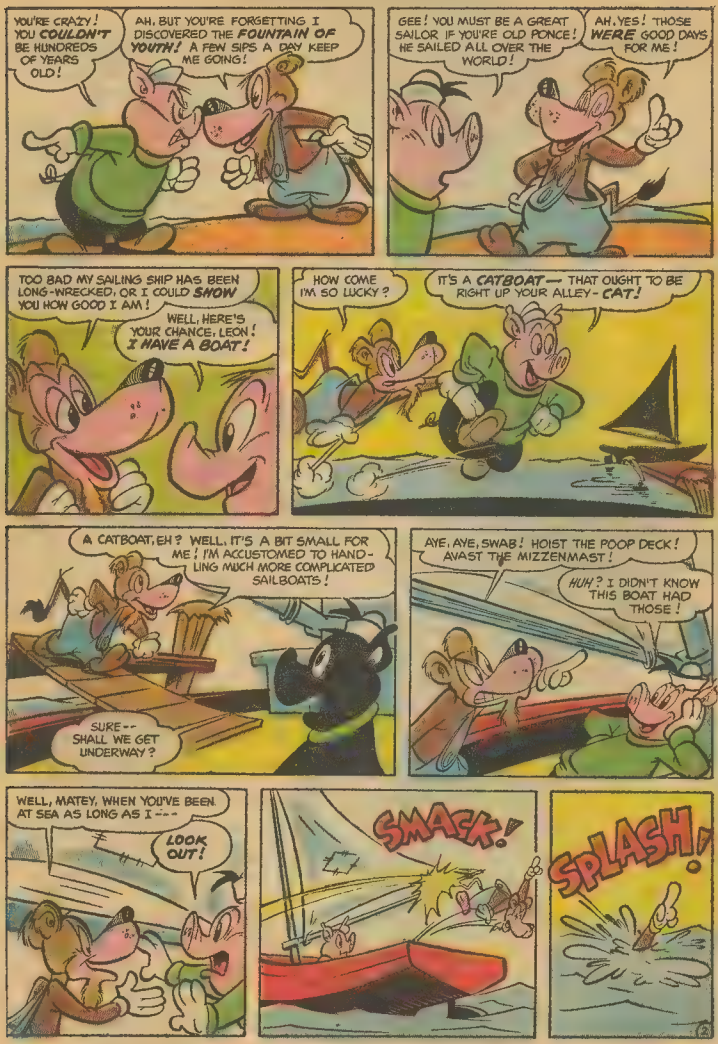
WHAT IS IT?

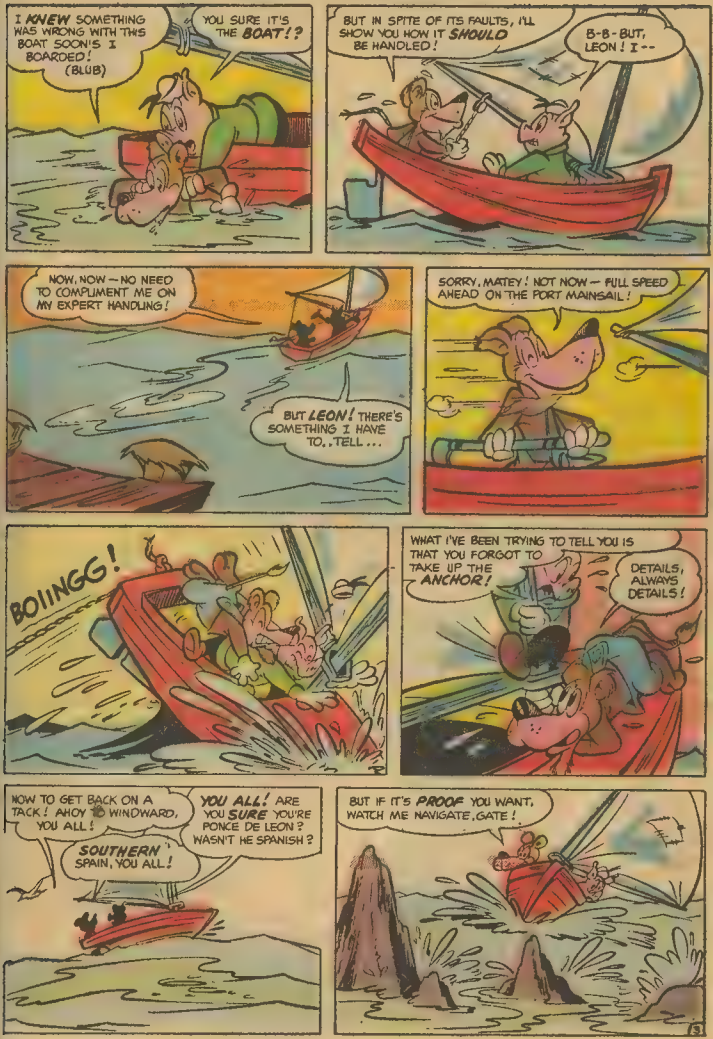
DON'T SPREAD IT AROUND, BUT I AM PONCE DE *LEON!*

YOU *ARE?*

YEP! SHORTENED MY NAME THESE PAST FEW HUNDRED YEARS, BUT THE OLD SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE IS STILL THERE!

FUNNY ANIMALS


YOU'RE CRAZY! YOU COULDN'T BE HUNDREDS OF YEARS OLD!
AH, BUT YOU'RE FORGETTING I DISCOVERED THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH! A FEW SIPS A DAY KEEP ME GOING!
GEE! YOU MUST BE A GREAT SAILOR IF YOU'RE OLD PONCE! HE SAILED ALL OVER THE WORLD!
AH, YES! THOSE WERE GOOD DAYS FOR ME!
TOO BAD MY SAILING SHIP HAS BEEN LONG-WRECKED, OR I COULD SHOW YOU HOW GOOD I AM!
WELL, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE, LEON! I HAVE A BOAT!
HOW COME I'M SO LUCKY?
IT'S A CATBOAT— THAT OUGHT TO BE RIGHT UP YOUR ALLEY- CAT!
A CATBOAT, EH? WELL, IT'S A BIT SMALL FOR ME! I'M ACCUSTOMED TO HANDLING MUCH MORE COMPLICATED SAILBOATS!
SURE-- SHALL WE GET UNDERWAY?
AYE, AYE, SWAB! HOIST THE POOP DECK! AVAST THE MIZZENMAST!
HUH? I DIDN'T KNOW THIS BOAT HAD THOSE!
WELL, MATEY, WHEN YOU'VE BEEN AT SEA AS LONG AS I---
LOOK OUT!
SMACK!
SPLASH!


I KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG WITH THIS BOAT SOON'S I BOARDED! (BLUB)
YOU SURE IT'S THE BOAT!?
BUT IN SPITE OF ITS FAULTS, I'LL SHOW YOU HOW IT SHOULD BE HANDLED!
B-B-BUT, LEON! I--
NOW, NOW — NO NEED TO COMPLIMENT ME ON MY EXPERT HANDLING!
BUT LEON! THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO, .TELL ...
SORRY, MATEY! NOT NOW — FULL SPEED AHEAD ON THE PORT MAINSAIL!
BOIINGG!
WHAT I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU IS THAT YOU FORGOT TO TAKE UP THE ANCHOR!
DETAILS, ALWAYS DETAILS!
NOW TO GET BACK ON A TACK! AHOY TO WINDWARD, YOU ALL!
YOU ALL! ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE PONCE DE LEON? WASN'T HE SPANISH?
SOUTHERN SPAIN, YOU ALL!
BUT IF IT'S PROOF YOU WANT, WATCH ME NAVIGATE, GATE!

C-CAREFUL! THESE ROCKS ARE DANGEROUS!
HAH! THESE ARE NOTHING FOR AN EXPERT SEAMAN LIKE ME! I'LL FIND A HOLE TO GET THROUGH!
YES, SIR! OLD PONCE WILL FIND A HOLE!
RIIIPPP!
WELL!! WHERE'S THE HOLE YOU WERE GOING TO FIND?
IN THE B-BOAT!
WOMEN AND CHILDREN (BLUB) FIRST! MAN THE LIFE RAFTS, MEN!
AH, (GLUB) SHADDAP!
WELL, HEH-HEH, EVEN PONCE DE LEON CAN MAKE A MISTAKE! THESE OLD EYES AREN'T WHAT THEY USED TO BE, I GUESS!
PONCE DE LEON, EH?
POW! BAM!
I'D RATHER PUNCH DE LEON!
NO, SIR (CHOKE), THESE OLD EYES AIN'T WHAT THEY USED TO BE!
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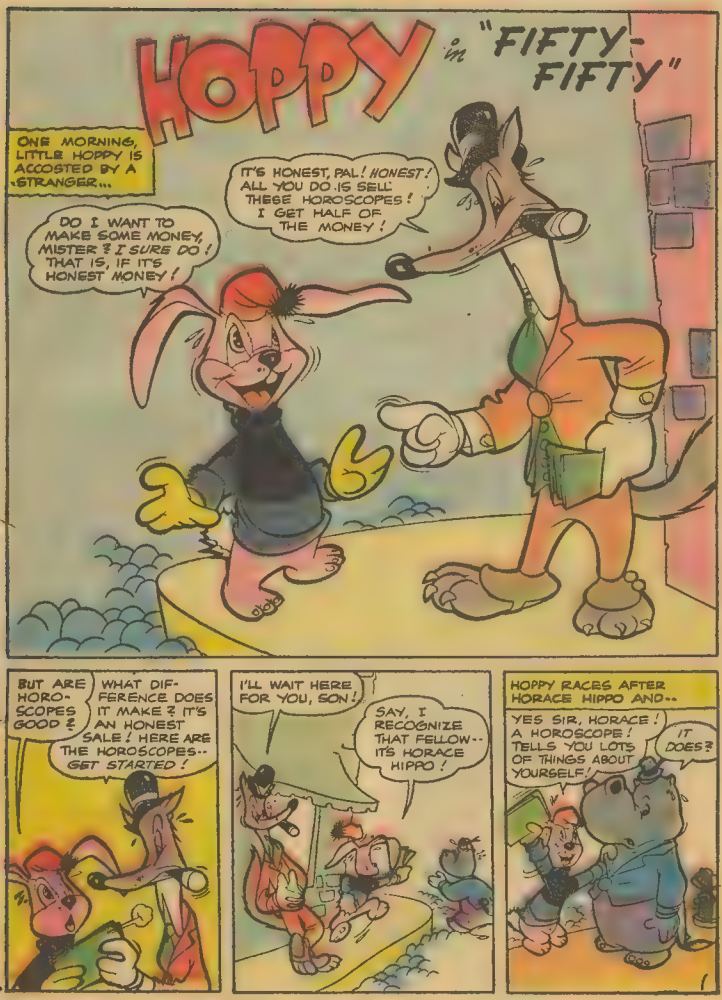
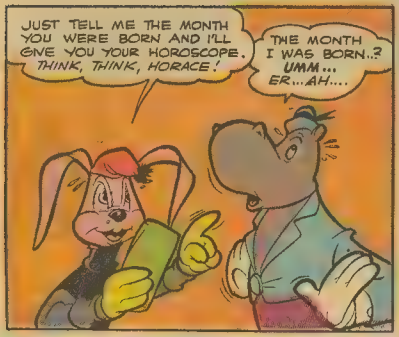
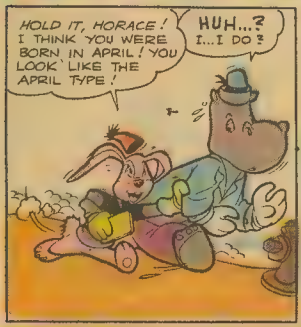
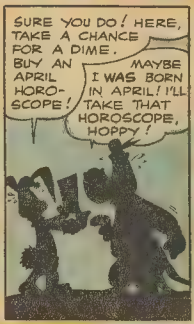
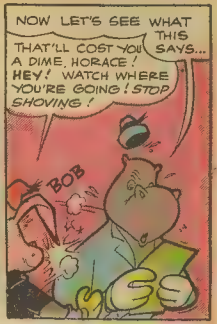

HOPPY in "FIFTY-FIFTY"
ONE MORNING, LITTLE HOPPY IS ACCOSTED BY A STRANGER...
DO I WANT TO MAKE SOME MONEY, MISTER? I SURE DO! THAT IS, IF IT'S HONEST MONEY!
IT'S HONEST, PAL! HONEST! ALL YOU DO IS SELL THEGE HOROSCOPES! I GET HALF OF THE MONEY!
BUT ARE HORO-SCOPES GOOD?
WHAT DIF-FERENCE DOES IT MAKE? IT'S AN HONEST SALE! HERE ARE THE HOROSCOPES-- GET STARTED!
I'LL WAIT HERE FOR YOU, SON!
SAY, I RECOGNIZE THAT FELLOW-- IT'S HORACE HIPPO!
HOPPY RACES AFTER HORACE HIPPO AND--
YES SIR, HORACE! A HOROSCOPE! TELLS YOU LOTS OF THINGS ABOUT YOURSELF!
IT DOES?

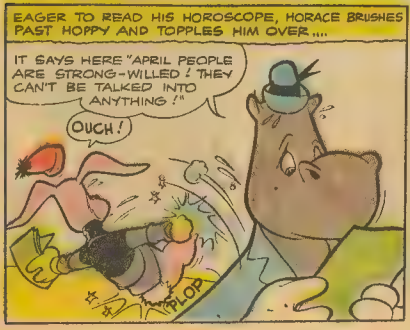

JUST TELL ME THE MONTH YOU WERE BORN AND I'LL GIVE YOU YOUR HOROSCOPE. THINK, THINK, HORACE!
THE MONTH I WAS BORN..? UMM... ER...AH....

IT'S NO USE. I CAN'T REMEMBER WHEN I WAS BORN. SO LONG, HOPPY!
THERE GOES MY SALE UNLESS I DO SOMETHING FAST!


HOLD IT, HORACE! I THINK YOU WERE BORN IN APRIL! YOU LOOK LIKE THE APRIL TYPE!
HUH...? I...I DO?

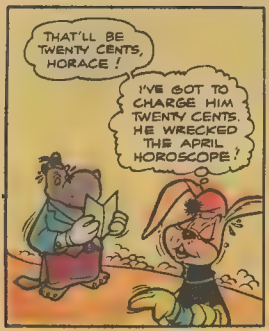

SURE YOU DO! HERE, TAKE A CHANCE FOR A DIME. BUY AN APRIL HORO-SCOPE!
MAYBE I WAS BORN IN APRIL! I'LL TAKE THAT HOROSCOPE, HOPPY!

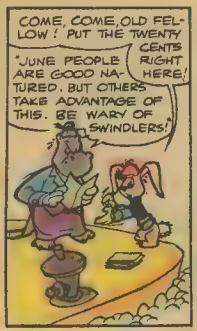

NOW LET'S SEE WHAT THIS SAYS... THAT'LL COST YOU A DIME, HORACE! HEY! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING! STOP SHOVING!
BOB

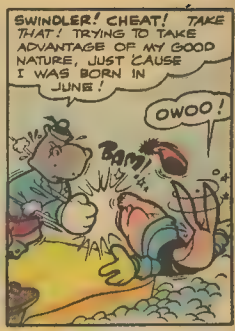

EAGER TO READ HIS HOROSCOPE, HORACE BRUSHES PAST HOPPY AND TOPPLES HIM OVER....
IT SAYS HERE "APRIL PEOPLE ARE STRONG-WILLED! THEY CAN'T BE TALKED INTO ANYTHING!"
OUCH!
FLOP

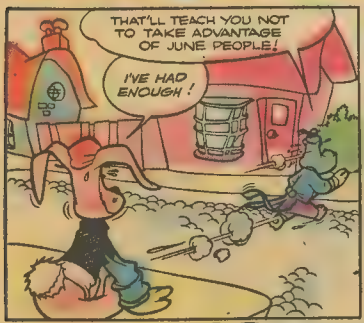
HMMM!
HORACE, A DIME, PLEASE!

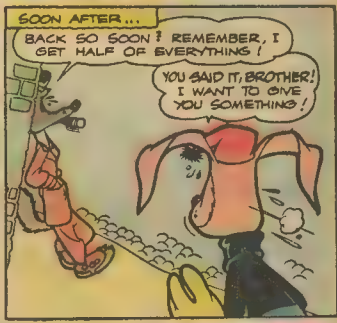
TRYING TO TALK ME INTO SOMETHING, EH? I'M STRONG-WILLED··· YOU CAN'T DO IT!
HEY···
OUCH--STOP! LET ME DOWN!
THAT FOR YOU AND YOUR HOROSCOPE! YOU CAN'T TALK US APRIL PEOPLE INTO ANYTHING!
OWOO!
SMACK!
HE CAN'T TREAT ME LIKE THIS! I'LL SELL HIM A HOROSCOPE YET!
HORACE··· WAIT! DON'T GO!
NOW WHAT?
I WAS WRONG, HORACE, OLD PAL, OLD PAL! NOW I REMEMBER--YOU WERE BORN IN JUNE-- NOT APRIL!
I WAS?
QUICK! WHAT MONTH COMES AFTER MAY?
HUH...? J...JUNE!
SMAK!
THERE···YOU SAID IT YOURSELF. NOW HERE'S A HOROSCOPE FOR JUNE!
JUNE...! SEE, MAYBE I WAS BORN IN JUNE, AFTER ALL!

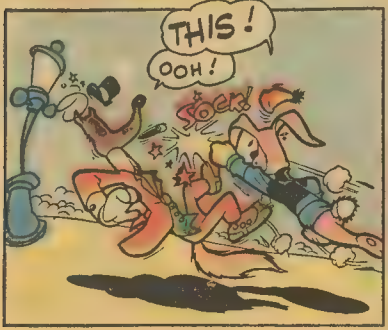

THAT'LL BE TWENTY CENTS, HORACE!
I'VE GOT TO CHARGE HIM TWENTY CENTS. HE WRECKED THE APRIL HOROSCOPE!


COME, COME, OLD FELLOW! PUT THE TWENTY CENTS RIGHT HERE!
"JUNE PEOPLE ARE GOOD NATURED. BUT OTHERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS. BE WARY OF SWINDLERS!"


SWINDLER! CHEAT! TAKE THAT! TRYING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MY GOOD NATURE, JUST 'CAUSE I WAS BORN IN JUNE!
OWOO!
BAM!


THAT'LL TEACH YOU NOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF JUNE PEOPLE!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH!


SOON AFTER...
BACK SO SOON? REMEMBER, I GET HALF OF EVERYTHING!
YOU SAID IT, BROTHER! I WANT TO GIVE YOU SOMETHING!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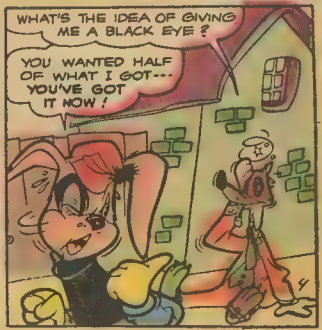
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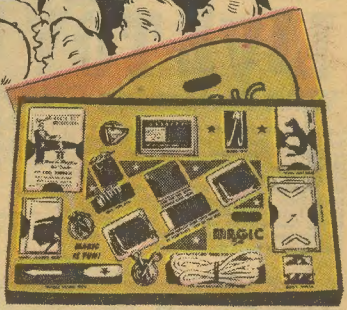

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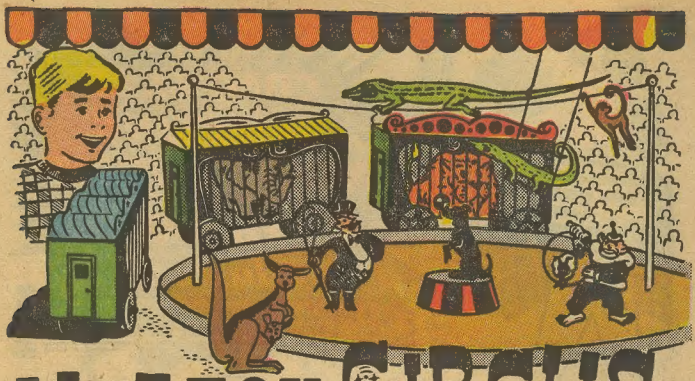

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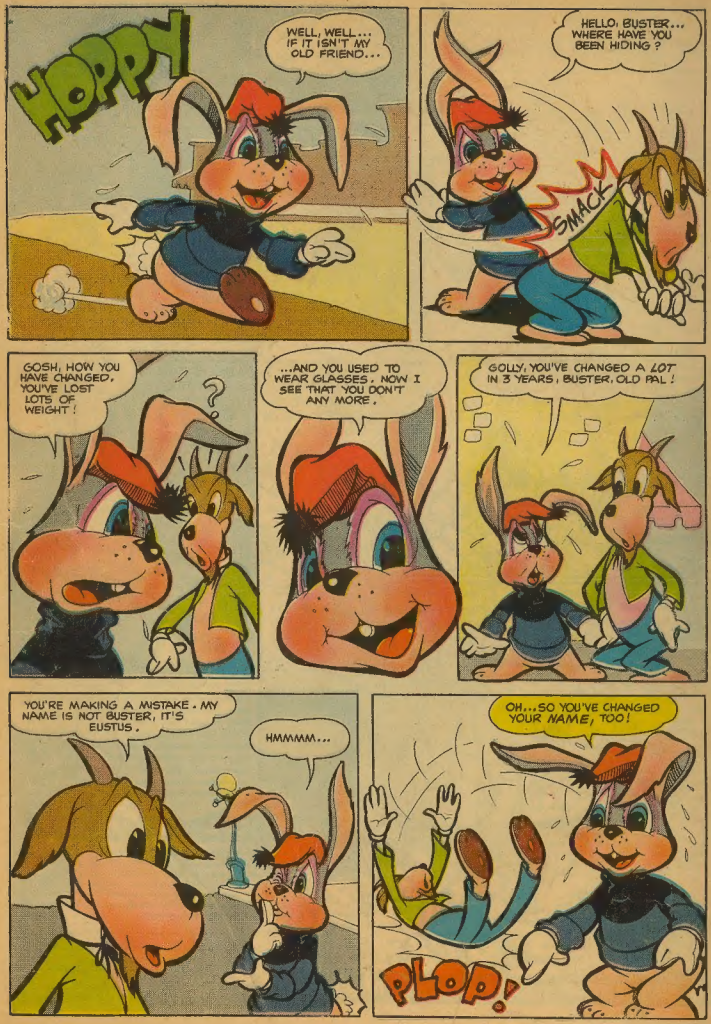
HOPPY
WELL, WELL... IF IT ISN'T MY OLD FRIEND...
HELLO, BUSTER... WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN HIDING?
SMACK
GOSH, HOW YOU HAVE CHANGED. YOU'VE LOST LOTS OF WEIGHT!
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